

to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Transco or El Paso to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-712-000]

#### Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

August 28, 1997.

Take notice that on August 25, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), 200 North Third Street, Suite 300, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, filed in the above docket, a request pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (N.A.) and Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations, for authorization to utilize an existing tap to effectuate natural gas transportation deliveries to Montana-Dakota Utilities (Montana-Dakota) for ultimate use by additional residential customers in McCone County, Montana, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Specifically, Williston Basin proposes to provide natural gas transportation deliveries to Montana-Dakota for

ultimate use by residential customers under Rate Schedules FT-1 and/or IT-1 of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1. Williston Basin was authorized to acquire and operate this tap pursuant to the Commission's order dated February 13, 1985, in Docket Nos. CP82-487-000, *et al.* Williston Basin states that the proposed service will have no significant effect on its peak day or annual requirements and capacity has been determined to exist on its system to service this natural gas market. Williston Basin states that its FERC Gas Tariff does not prohibit the addition of new delivery points. Williston Basin also states that the volumes to be delivered are within the contractual entitlements of the customer.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity is deemed to be authorized effective on the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-472-000]

#### Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

August 28, 1997.

Take notice that on August 26, 1997, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective August 26, 1997:

First Revised Sheet No. 45  
First Revised Sheet No. 75  
Second Revised Sheet No. 293

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets reflect modifications to Williston Basin's FERC Gas Tariff in compliance with the Commission's Order No. 636-C "Order on Remand" issued February 27, 1997 in Docket Nos. RM91-11-006 and RM87-34-072.

Any persons desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR Sections 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene. Copies of the filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC97-47-000]

#### Zond Minnesota Development Corporation and Lake Benton Power Partners, LLC; Notice of Filing

August 28, 1997.

Take notice that on August 18, 1997, Zond Minnesota Development Corporation and Lake Benton Power Partners, LLC tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests must be filed on or before September 8, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the

Commission and are available for public inspection.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 8321-006]

#### Murray W. Thurston, Inc.; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 28, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Commission's Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed an exemption surrender application for the Thurston Mill Project No. 8321-006. The Thurston Mill Project is located on the Swift River in Oxford County, Maine. The EA finds that approving the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Commission's Reference and Information Center, Room 2A, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426. For further information, please contact the project manager, Ms. Hillary Berlin, at (202) 219-0038.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 5276-040]

#### Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and Northern Electric Power Co.; Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

August 28, 1997.

An environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review. The EA is for an application to amend the Hudson Falls Hydroelectric Project. The licensee proposes to suspend article 404 which requires the release of a continuous minimum flow of 500 cfs to allow for PCB cleanup. The EA finds that

approval of the application would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Hudson Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on the Hudson River in Washington County, New York.

The EA was written by staff in the Office of Hydropower Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Copies of the FEA can be viewed in the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

For further information, please contact the project manager, Mr. Sean Murphy, at (202) 219-2964.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11547-000 Connecticut]

#### Summit Hydropower; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

August 28, 1997.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the application for minor license for the proposed Hale Hydroelectric Project located on the Quinebaug River in Windham County, near the town of Putnam, Connecticut, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. In the EA, the Commission's staff has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and has concluded that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigative measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review of the Public Reference Branch, Room 2A of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined the need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tampa Water Resource Recovery Project. This action is taken pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.7 and section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). EPA intends to prepare this EIS in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District. This effort will be coordinated closely with the ongoing multi-agency ecosystem team permitting now underway for this project.

### Administrative History

Congress provided funds through the FY 95 Appropriations Act for local area water supply related projects. One of these projects involves the granting of funds to the City of Tampa for the Tampa Water Resource Recovery Project (TWRRP). Region 4 awarded grant No. XP994689-95-0 to the City of Tampa on March 1, 1995 in the amount of \$18,712,000.

The TWRRP grant involves investigating, designing and constructing a project for the recovery of between 15 and 50 million gallons of advanced wastewater treated effluent to supplement area water supplies. The water would be recovered from the City of Tampa's Howard F. Curren treatment plant for use as water supplies for the Tampa area. The effluent would be further treated and then transported from the Curren plant to the middle pool of the Tampa Bypass Canal, a flood control project built by the Corps of Engineers and managed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Water would then either be pumped from the Harney canal into the Hillsborough River Reservoir, the City's water supply source, or be withdrawn by a series of linear wells adjacent to the Tampa Bypass Canal. The raw water would be treated as needed and used for municipal drinking water for the Tampa area.

The State of Florida with cooperation and participation from the City of Tampa and federal, state, regional and local agencies has initiated a cooperative permitting effort for this project. This "Ecosystem Team Permitting" is designed to result in a more coordinated and efficient